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Chapter 7. Dependent Benefits of Vietnam Prisoners

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"Dependent"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "dependent" means a child:

- (1) born before or during the period during which the child's father was a prisoner of war or person missing in action; or
- (2) legally adopted or in the legal custody of the child's father before and during the period during which the father was a prisoner of war or person missing in action.

As added by P.L.2-2003, SEC.8.

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"Prisoner of war or person missing in action"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "prisoner of war or person missing in action" means a person who:

- (1) was a resident of Indiana at the time the person entered service of the United States armed forces; and
- (2) while serving in the United States armed forces, was declared a prisoner of war or a person missing in action as established by the United States Secretary of Defense after January 1, 1960.

As added by P.L.2-2003, SEC.8.

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Educational benefits

Sec. 3. (a) A dependent of a prisoner of war or person missing in action, upon the person's acceptance for enrollment in an Indiana state supported institution of higher education or state supported vocational school, may obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion without tuition or charge as long as the dependent is eligible.

(b) A dependent is entitled to the benefits of this chapter notwithstanding any circumstance, including the return of the father or the reported death of the father.

As added by P.L.2-2003, SEC.8.